

MPEP 710.02(e), and 37 CFR §1.7, extending the period of response from September 21, 2000 to November 21, 2000. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 73 line 7, please delete "z219a" and insert --z219c-- therefor.

On page 73 line 10, before "with" please delete "ssociated" and insert --associated-- therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 15, without prejudice to the prosecution thereof in a subsequent application.

Please amend the following claims:

4. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide [according to claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide] that encodes a polypeptide [consists of] comprising a sequence of amino acid residues [that is at least 90% identical to an amino acid sequence as shown in] from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acid number 23 (Phe), to amino acid number 223 (Phe); and

(b) the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acid number 1 (Met), to amino acid number 223 (Phe).

5. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 4, wherein the [z219a] polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide that consists of a sequence of amino acid residues as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acid number 23 (Phe), to amino acid number 223 (Phe).